



**American Short Line and
Regional Railroad Association**

The Voice of America's Independent Railroads

September 7, 2006

Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**RE: STB Ex Parte No.661
RAIL FUEL SURCHARGES
DECIDED: AUGUST 3, 2006**

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. The standards proposed therein will impact the many Class II and Class III railroad members of the ASLRRA in surprisingly complex and divergent ways. Accordingly, ASLRRA desires the opportunity to submit Comments examining these differing outcomes.

The undersigned is the ASLRRA's sole counsel and as such is responsible for researching the issues presented in Ex Parte 661 as they affect the Association's members and for drafting its Comments. Unfortunately, long standing commitments to appear and speak at the Association's Southern Region Annual Meeting, the Canadian Pacific Short Line Meeting and the AAR's Annual State Relations Policy Committee Annual Conference (out of the country) all occur between now and the deadline for submitting comments on September 25. It appears that the complexity of the fuel surcharge issue as it impacts ASLRRA members and the undersigned's intensive travel schedule in the next two weeks make it impossible to adequately prepare ASLRRA's Comments by that date. Therefore, the undersigned respectfully requests a one-week extension of time to file ASLRRA's Comments in this proceeding to and including October 2, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Borman
Vice President & General Counsel